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In re Application of: LEON et al.  
Application No. 10/814,597  
Filed: April 1, 2004  
For: FASTENING DEVICE, PARTICULARLY FOR HOLDING TOGETHER A STACK OF AT LEAST TWO PANELS

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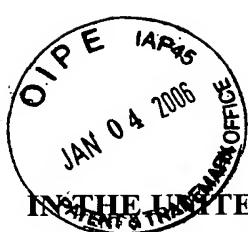
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**REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated October 4, 2005, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.